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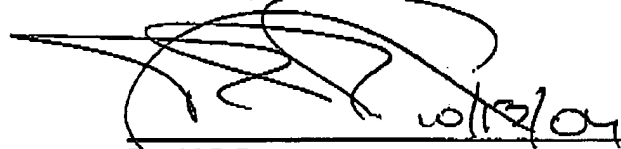
Remarks

This is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, rejecting claims 1 – 5, 7 – 11 and 13 – 35, but indicating that claims 6 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of the claims upon which they previously depended.

The amendments, above, rewrite claims 6 and 12 in independent form incorporating the limitations of the claims upon which they previously depended. All other claims are cancelled without prejudice, the Applicants reserving the right to re-present them at a later date.

In view hereof, this application is understood to be in condition for allowance.

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